



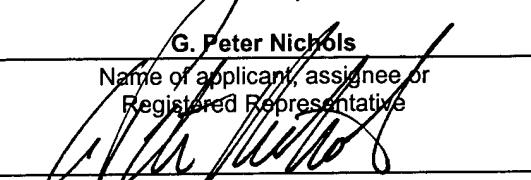
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Our Case No. 659/1483 (K-C 14,747)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tsai)
Application No. 09/474,634)
Filing Date: December 29, 1999) Examiner Pratt
For BIODEGRADABLE) Group Art Unit No. 1771
THERMOPLASTIC NONWOVEN)
WEBS FOR FLUID MANAGEMENT)

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

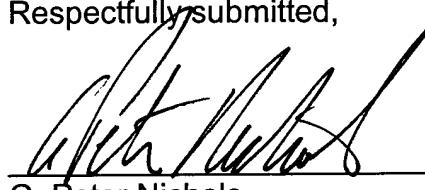
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated April 9, 2003 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-15, 17-22 and 24-29.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on _____ for _____ month(s).

2. A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. Fee \$330.00
 - Enclosed
 - Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)
 - Charge to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (One additional copy of this Notice enclosed herewith)
 - The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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